Project Affected Families (PAFs) 2003, notified by the Ministry of Rural Development, is applicable to projects displacing 500 families or more en-masse in plain areas and 250 families en-masse in hilly areas, Desert Development Programme Blocks, areas mentioned in Schedule V and Schedule VI of the Constitution. This National Policy has not been revised by the Ministry of Rural Development.

(b) As informed by Government of Andhra Pradesh, the number of project affected tribals have been identified, family-wise and village-wise.

(c) Yes, Sir.

(d) and (e) Ministry of Tribal Affairs has granted clearance to the Resettlement and Rehabilitation Plan for ST PAFs in respect of Polavaram Project of Andhra Pradesh subject to fulfillment of certain conditions by the State Government. Among these conditions, Ministry of Tribal Affairs has directed Government of Andhra Pradesh to follow their Resettlement and Rehabilitation (R&R) Plan, in accordance with the provisions of NPRR 2003. The State Government has also been asked to provide land to STs in the command area of the project, and preferably within the Scheduled Area if the command area and Scheduled Area are co-terminus in lieu of the land acquired from them for the construction of project. The Government of Andhra Pradesh has been asked to ensure that R&R Plan is implemented and completed within a specified time schedule before the submergence in any area starts taking place. Further, the State Government has been directed to ensure a better livelihood with dignity for the STs in the new set up and surroundings, and also to protect all the rights and privileges enjoyed by the STs in their original habitat. The State Government has also been directed to ensure through the construction of embankments that no submergence and displacement of tribals takes place in the States of Orissa and Chhattisgarh.

Scheduled Tribes (Recognition of Forest Rights) Bill, 2005

3474. SHRIMATI HEMA MALINI: Will the Minister of TRIBAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that representatives of forest dwellers have approached Government to get the Scheduled Tribes (Recognition of Forest Rights) Bill, 2005 passed in the ongoing session; and

(b) if so, the reaction of Government thereto?

THE MINISTER OF TRIBAL AFFAIRS (SHRI P.R. KYNDIAH): (a) and (b) The Scheduled Tribes (Recognition of Forest Rights) Bill, 2005 introduced in the Lok Sabha on 13th December 2005, was revised and passed as the Scheduled Tribes and Other Traditional Forest Dwellers (Recognition of Forest Rights) Act, 2006, in the winter session of Parliament, 2006.

Scholarships for tribal children in Jharkhand

3475. MS. MABEL REBELLO: Will the Minister of TRIBAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is fact that a large number of tribal children still do not get the due scholarships and stipends every year;

(b) the institutions in Jharkhand in which children have got stipends and scholarships during the last three years;

(c) when will Government adopt some system to give stipends and scholarships to the tribal children irrespective of where they study- Government schools, aided schools and private schools; and

(d) whether Government distinguishes tribal children while giving the above mentioned benefits as to which schools they study?

THE MINISTER OF TRIBAL AFFAIRS (SHRI P.R. KYNDIAH): (a) No, Sir.

(b) As reported by the State Government of Jharkhand, scholarship is being granted to all Scheduled Tribe students whose parents'/guardians' annual income does not exceed Rs. 1.00 lakh and who are enrolled in government schools, aided schools and recognized institutions.

(c) A system is already in place.

(d) No, Sir.

Threat of Evacuations

3476. SHRI SITARAM YECHURY: Will the Minister of TRIBAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state: